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Impressions of a Presidential Search

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As you know, Redeemer College is in the process of selecting a new president. Lloyd Rang, President of the Alumni Association, has been involved in this process from the beginning. He shares these personal thoughts on the process.

"SHO GOOT to see you!" When I think of President De Bolster, that phrase springs up in my mind like some neo-Calvinist mantra. It is one of the sayings that defined Redeemer College while I studied there. It ranks right up there with "Get out the way!", Hoogie's favourite personal greeting to me. I imagine that quite a few other

people remember Rev. De Bolster that way: Jovial, smiling, forever shaking hands and patting backs.

As president of Student Senate, I saw another President De Bolster. I saw a hard-working (sometimes hard-nosed) administrator with a keen vision for Redeemer and a man imbued with a deep sense of piety and commitment. It was always readily visible that Rev. De Bolster was the president of a Christian College.

When the Presidential Search Committee (PSC) struck out in search of a new president, two thoughts crossed my mind: Where do we find someone with the same degree of commitment as Rev. De Bolster? How do we find someone different from Rev. De Bolster?

Let me define "different". My preference was for a president so unlike our current president so as to avoid the inevitable comparisons, yet not so unlike Rev. De Bolster so as to change the character of the College. The Search Committee first reviewed a

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CLASS GIFT: Class Representative Jeremy Cooper (93) and Redeemer President Henry De Bolster unveil a marble plaque dedicating the class of 1993's gift to the College: two Swedler maple trees. The two trees and the plaque are located near the entrance to the visitor's parking lot.

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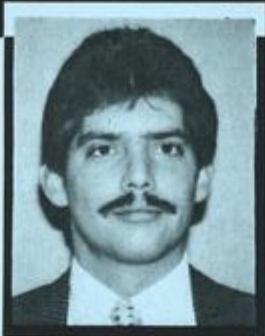
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The Editor's

Working at Redeemer College is a blessing. There are few environments that have as many perks for the employee: use of library and gym facilities, working with interesting people, interacting with students, and having it all in a Christian environment. Yet it is easy for us to get caught up with the day-to-day adminstrivia of running an increasingly larger concern. We need to occasionally take a step back and see just why we are here.

I had that opportunity recently as part of my involvement in the Presidential Search Informal Dialogue groups (see story p.1). One of the highlights of that process was to hear the candidates discuss their vision of Christian higher education in general, and specifically for Redeemer College. To hear four very intelligent, very committed Christians talk enthusiastically about Redeemer's role in this world was challenging and enriching.

The candidates all pointed out that we live, and Redeemer operates, in a world that looks at Christianity with a very healthy dose of scepticism at best, and at worse dismisses it as irrelevant. Part of the candidate's job



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is to shape a vision for the College in this context, and then spread that vision to the immediate Redeemer community and to the other communities in which the College functions. Alumni also live and work in this context.

How are you and I to respond to the challenges of our world?

Although we are each called to serve God in the unique situations that He has placed us, and with the tools that He has given us, I think that some of the responses given by the candidates are applicable to offices outside of the Presidency as well:

1. Examine the philosophical roots of the age. We are called "to be in this world, but not of it"; part of that command is to discern the spirits of the age.
2. Keep focused on what it means to be Reformed. Not just on an intellectual level, but what it means for all areas of your life. Demonstrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ in whatever you do; take ownership of the ideals and make them authentic in your own life.
3. Pray constantly. The world can be a scary place, even for well-educated

Christians who spend most of their time in Christian organizations dealing with other Christians. What folly it is not to ask for God's help as we seek to do His will in this world!

In this light, I would like to ask you to continue to remember Redeemer College and those who work here in your prayers, especially as we begin the transition to a new leadership.

Until Next Time,

Tim

Around Christmas time, I received a number of requests for alumni addresses and phone numbers. Most of the time these are personal requests, but occasionally, alumni ask for addresses for business or solicitation purposes. The information that is held in the College's data base, including addresses and phone numbers, is held in trust by the College. If you need an address for personal use, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis. However, a request for a list of names will not be honoured. If you are starting your own business, or need support for a mission opportunity, and you would like to reach a number of alumni, consider using *Images*. Contact me at the Alumni Office—I would be more than happy to help you out! O

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presidential profile, that was developed by the Presidential Profile Committee. The attributes that a new president should ideally possess were listed. It was decided that as part of these characteristics, the new president should have a doctorate, have administrative experience in a college or university, and be of Reformed background.

The PSC was made up of representatives from each of the different parts of the College community; Sharon Timmerman and I represented the Alumni Association. Each member of the Search Committee was asked to submit one or more names for consideration. These names would first be nominated by the whole committee; the candidate would then be asked to apply for the position with a curricu-

lum vitae, a vision statement, and references. This material was then forwarded to the Screening Committee (a sub-committee of the Presidential Search Committee). Pending approval of both the Screening Committee and the full Presidential Search Committee, the candidate would be granted an interview.

Out of this process four candidates

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The Candidates



Dr. Elaine Botha (above) is head of the Philosophy department at Potchefstroom University, South Africa. Dr. Justin Cooper (below) is Vice-President (Academic) at Redeemer. At the time of publication, both are slated for further interviews with the Board of Governors. The final decision should come down in February.



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were to be interviewed by the Presidential Search Committee. They were:

Dr. Elaine Botha, Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy at Potchefstroom University, South Africa;

Dr. Justin Cooper, Vice-President Academic, Redeemer College;

Dr. Jacob Ellens, Associate Professor of History, Redeemer College;

Dr. Harold Heie, (until recently) Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania.

On January 12, the four candidates each met with representatives from different areas of the College in a series of "informal interviews." The purpose of these dialogues was to give different parts of the Redeemer community the opportunity to gather information specific to their own concerns. The comments gathered by these groups were then passed on to the Presidential Search Committee for its use when it interviewed the candidates two days

later. The Alumni Association was part of this interview process: Mike Fallon (89), Paul Hogeterp (93) Sonya Oegema (92), Steve Vanderstoep (93), Deanna Van Dijk (91), and Tim Wolfert (87) joined with representatives of Student Senate as one of the groups interviewing the candidates.

The Presidential Search Committee interviewed the candidates on Friday, January 14. The Committee recommended to the Board Dr. Botha and Dr. Cooper for consideration (the Board of Governors will offer a five-year term to the successful candidate). The Board has accepted the recommendations of the PSC and will interview the two candidates on February 12. I would ask that you continue to pray for this process and those involved in it.

Whatever the outcome of this search, you can rest assured that the selection process has been thorough, incorporating all the different facets of the College community. Our new president will need the continued support of the college community throughout his/her presidency.

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Alumni Gather for Second Annual Meeting

On Saturday, September 26, the Alumni Association held its second Annual Membership Meeting. Besides the meeting itself, there were many other events that kept alumni interested and busy.

The day started with Mr. Ed Plantinga, a former Instructor in Computer Science, giving the keynote address: "Working is for Serving – Integrating Faith and Learning in the Workplace". Mr. Plantinga based a number of his comments on a book by Charles Hanley, *The Age of Unreason*. Giving what he called "a deconstructing idea of work", Plantinga called us to take a good look at what work is and how it is changing in our society. The whole idea of "working is for serving" is in trouble because of time and financial constraints. People are having to work harder and harder at keeping their jobs as companies switch to a more flexible, contract-based workforce. Plantinga stressed the continuity of work with learning to meet these changes. However this directly affects the time and energy that people have to do the "unpaid" work that most people view as service (volunteer work, etc.). Although Mr. Plantinga has left Redeemer for the business world, he has retained his sense of humour and his ability to challenge us. His presentation was both entertaining and rewarding.

The Second Annual Alumni Membership Meeting was highlighted by the election of 4 new Board members and a healthy discussion on the direction of the Alumni Board. Gary Miedema (93), Wendy Bulthuis (x92), Sonya Oegema (92), and Steve Vanderstoep (93) were elected to the Board of Directors. The Board looks forward to working with its newest members to better serve the Association.

A number of issues were raised during the open forum on the direction of the Alumni Board. Those present expressed an interest in becoming

more involved with the various parts of the College. Like last year's Homecoming, alumni seem most interested in activities that allow them to interact with not only fellow alumni but also with students, staff, and in particular, faculty. Alumni also suggested better advance notice be given for events at the College, and that a questionnaire be drafted that would give alumni a vehicle for suggestions and feedback. The Board appreciates these comments and will take them into consideration as it plans programs over the next year.

There were other activities as well; throughout the day, Dr. Theo Plantinga held a booksale. "After all," he said, "these people have been my best customers." After a barbecue lunch, we were fortunate to have Professor Hugh Cook read a section from his latest book, *The Homecoming Man*. And later on in the afternoon there was a women's soccer game between the varsity team and a team of former varsity players. The current varsity team, undoubtedly due only to the extra practice time, squeezed out a narrow victory. Thanks to Redeemer's Athletic Coordinator, Betty Steenbeek (90), for organizing the game.

As with most functions where old friends meet, the most memorable



Alumni Days with Plantinga book sales are becoming a tradition. "These people have been my best customers," says Dr. Plantinga.

moments are probably those that are not planned: mingling with fellow alumni, visiting with faculty, and seeing just how large the College has grown in the last few years. Even though the alumni who were present were found to be active in widely divergent areas of public life such as graduate school, business, education, and the ministry, we shared a common bond, that of a quality, Christian university education. And in a society that embraces the individual, often at the expense of community, our unity is a true blessing. The Alumni Association hopes that you will become involved more directly with this community, strengthening and enjoying the blessings and benefits of communal experience.



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Alumni Choir Plans Second Concert for July 9, 1994

The Redeemer College Alumni Choir is planning a second concert for Saturday, July 9, 1994 in the college Auditorium. Last June, the Redeemer College Alumni Choir made its successful debut. Under the direction of Professor Chris Teeuwsen, thirty five former members of the Concert Choir gathered to perform for over 800 happy patrons in the College Auditorium. Despite a lack of rehearsal time, Professor Teeuwsen was able to "create a unified, blended sound from the unique and mature voices" (Greg Sennema, *Images*, August 1993).

Given the enthusiastic response of both audience and participants, a second event was planned for this year. Rebecca Teeuwsen helped out by taking care of many of the administrative duties. Last year she wrote letters to over 100 former Concert Choir members asking them to participate in this year's event (if you did not receive an invitation, check to see if your address is correct at the College). The Alumni Choir hopes to have day long Saturday practices in March, April, May and June in preparation for the concert in July.

Although most of the program will be made up of choral music, there will also be solo organ and piano performances. The soloists, as well as the accompanists will also be former students. Plan on attending what promises to be an exciting evening of music on Saturday, July 9, 1994 in the Redeemer College Auditorium.

Important Notice from the Registrar's Office

Effective April 1, 1994, requests for transcripts may be made in person, by mail, or by fax. No transcript requests will be accepted via telephone. To protect the confidentiality of student and alumni records, all transcript requests must be signed by the student or alumnus/alumna whose transcript is being requested.

To this end, a transcript request form is inserted into this issue of *Images*. This form may be photocopied for future transcript requests.

Should you wish to fax us your transcript request, the fax number is (905) 648-2134.

Coming Events

February 25-26 - Women's OCAA Division II Volleyball Championships. Redeemer gymnasium.

March 10-April 14 - Student art exhibition: Christina Schut, Rob Kranendonk, Anita Bull, and Carl Jagt. Opening March 10 at 8 p.m.

March 11 - Student recital: Benita Wolters, voice. 8 p.m.

March 22-26 - The theatre arts department presents the premiere production of *Guest Artist*, a comedy/thriller written and directed by Dennis Hassell. When Miranda's play goes out of control, she writes herself into the action—with dangerous results. Preview: March 22 at 8 p.m. Matinee: March 23 at 12 p.m. Performances: March 24-26 at 8 p.m.

April 15 - Pre-Tour Concert. The Redeemer College Concert Choir performs their 1993-94 tour repertoire before their tour to the Maritimes. Works by Handel, Mozart, Byrd, Schreck, Hayes, and others. 8 p.m. Free admission (free-will offering).

Literary Corner

"Oh, what hilarity occurs when one joins a Literary Club!"

-Timothy Bleeker (89)

We're including a new feature in this issue of *Images*. The Literary Corner is designed to give Alumni an opportunity to share their writing talents with one another. Michael John Kooy's poem, "To a Niece as Yet Unborn," is hopefully the first of this series.

If you have any submissions for this feature, send them along to the Alumni Affairs Coordinator (we're also accepting suggestions for a new name for the feature).

TO A NIECE AS YET UNBORN

O Babe! While nameless yet, unborn, untouch'd,
Breathe liquid still, roll and unroll thyself
While motion yet is met by supple folds:
Explore alone a world that gives thee life;
And when time comes to break the spell—warmth, blood,
Known touch, soft tissued walls, all, all abjured—
Blink in white light and cry in plasticked hands
For this cool glare is not yet home to thee;
But as thou breathe a drier, colder world
Miss not the beating of companion heart
That kept the rhythm of thy younger self
Nor dream not of soft supple water walls.
Know newer love, and more, for many hearts
Around thee beat: be born for thou art named.

Michael John Kooy

The Personal Touch

Nick Vreugdenhil (x83) graduated from McMaster University with a degree in Computer Engineering and Management in 1988. Nick has been working for Northern Telecom since then and has also completed his MBA, graduating from the University of Ottawa in October 1993.

Ben (93) and Melanie Westerveld (Beck 93) were married on August 21, 1993. Melanie is presently working at Westbrook Floral in administration. She also teaches twenty students piano and organ lessons. Ben is working full time for Turkstra Lumber as a sales clerk in the Dunnville and Hamilton locations.

Keith (93) and Miriam Verburg (Vanderwerf 93) were united in marriage August 7, 1993 in London. They are happily residing at 595A Perth Street, Fergus, ON N1M 2S8. Keith is teaching grade 3 at Maranatha Christian School.

Carine (91) and Derek Schuurman have become the proud and thankful parents of John Peter born July 7, 1993. After two years of teaching at Calvin Christian School in Drayton, ON, Carine will be a stay-at-home mom.

Peter (86) and Grace Hoytema (de Kleer 91) were married on July 24, 1993. They live in Hamilton, ON where Peter is a minister at Fellowship Christian Reformed Church.

Christy Koning (92) has begun teaching Music and Bible at Woodland Christian High School. In addition, she also directs the choir. Christy is engaged to Michael Baker (93). Their wedding date is set for next July.

Tamara Wieske (Gritter 93) was married August 13, 1993 to Ken Wieske. She is presently looking for a job in the Quebec City area where she is living while Ken continues his studies.

Theresa Janssen (Bootsma 89) was married October 3, 1992. She was also blessed with a baby girl, Paulina Margaretha, on August 27, 1993. Theresa received her M.A. degree in Organ Performance and Church Music from the University of Iowa in August 1992. She is now teaching organ and piano lessons.

Peter Schuurman (x92) is at Queens University doing a Masters in Sociology with a Teaching Assistantship and Dean's Award. Peter's new address is 40 Helen Street, Apt. B, Kingston, ON, K7L 4N9.

Paul (x85) and Susan Vanderkooy (x82) have 4 children: Ryan, Danielle, Sarah and Steven. Paul teaches grade 5 at Chatham Christian School and Susan is at home and loving it. Their address is 112 O'Neil Street, Chatham, ON, N7M 3A3.

Jeannette Plat (Grasman 90) was married on October 3, 1992 to Allan Plat. They are now residing on a dairy farm in Arthur, Ontario.

Ken (88) and Mary Ann Benjamins (Van Starkenberg 88) were blessed with a new baby girl, Anna Marie Jane, on January 13, 1994. A sister for Jantina and Derek.

Edgar Hielema (86) graduated from the University of Toronto Law School in 1991. He is now working in Malawi, Africa, as legal advisor to the Presbyterian Church Council, which is active in the pro-democracy movement in that country.

Lloyd Rang (89) is now teaching grade 8 at Rheema Christian School in Peterborough. Lloyd also had an essay published on December 17, 1993 in the *Globe and Mail*. His article, "If the Hat fits, wear it...buddy" appears on the Facts and Arguments page.

Address Inclusion

Probably the most popular section of *Images* is the "Personal Touch" page. I would encourage you to keep sending in your news of interest, whether that be about marriage, family, job, or academic achievements. The "News of Interest" form now has a section asking you to indicate if you would like your address published with your notice. Many alumni appreciate the fact that addresses are included, using it as a change of address form for their friends. However, starting with the next *Images*, addresses will not be published unless we are first given permission.

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